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1. OF THOSE INTENDING IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH PACKET 3 SINCE JULY 1, 1971, 41 HAVE TOLD US THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO LEAVE HUNGARY HAVE BEEN REFUSED, WHILE 78 HAVE NOT CONTACTED US AGAIN. IN ADDITION, WE ARE AWARE OF 6 DUAL NATIONALS WHO CURRENTLY SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FROM GOH TO RETURN TO U. S. TOTAL OF ABOVE (125), WE BELIEVE, FAIRLY ACCURATE REFLECTION OF NUMBER OF APPARENTLY QUALIFIED IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO GO TO U. S. DURING PAST TWO YEARS BUT HAVE THUS FAR BEEN PREVENTED BY GOH RESTRICTIONS, ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT THAT PERHAPS HALF OF THOSE PROVIDED WITH PACKET 3 BUT WHO DID NOT RECONTACT US HAVE NOT ACTIVELY PURSUED APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION PASSPORTS. OF THOSE ISSUED PACKET 3 WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO LEAVE 10 ARE IMMEDIATE RELATIVES, 59 SECOND PREFERENCE, 3 FOURTH PREFERENCE, 36 FIFTH PREFERENCE AND 11 NON-PREFERENCE. A LARGE NUMBER OF SECOND PREFERENCE AND
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NONPREFERENCE CASES ARE CHILDREN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LEFT HUNGARY WITH TOURIST PASSPORTS AND NEVER RETURNED. ALTHOUGH THESE CHILDREN GENERALLY GRANTED PERMISSION TO JOIN PARENTS IN U. S., SUCH AUTHORIZATION IS USUALLY GIVEN ONLY AFTER LONG AND PERSISTENT EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF BY PARENTS AND HUNGARIAN RELATIVES. AT PRESENT THESE CHILDREN COMPRISE MAJORITY OF OUR PROBLEM EMIGRATION CASES.

2. ALL OF ABOVE WERE INTENDING TO JOIN RELATIVES IN U. S. WE BECOME AWARE OF APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT OF ALL IMMIGRANT CASES AS RESULT OF INTENDING IMMIGRANT' S INQUIRY AT EMBASSY. ACCESS TO EMBASSY BY THOSE INTERESTED IN IMMIGRATION TO U. S. IS NOT A PROBLEM HERE.

3. EMBASSY ISSUED 145 IMMIGRANT VISAS DURING 1972. IN ADDITION TO DUAL CITIZENS LISTED ABOVE 15 DUALS WERE PERMITTED TO LEAVE HUNGARY WITH EMIGRATION PASSPORTS SINCE JULY 1971.
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